

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-23, 25, and 27 are active in this application. Claims 17 and 18 and the specification are amended by the present amendment.

This Amendment is filed supplemental to the Amendment filed on November 1, 2007, to present equations in Claims 17 and 18 and in the specification in better form. Specifically, the character "l" (i.e., the block form letter el) has been replaced by "ℓ", a cursive letter el, to be more easily distinguished from the numeral "1" (i.e., one). No new matter is added.

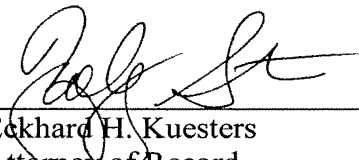
Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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